



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Patriot Guard Riders.

Whereas, The Patriot Guard Riders grew out of a desire by a diverse group of motorcycle riders to protect the families and the funerals of our fallen war heroes from being tarnished by protestors;

Whereas, The main mission of the Patriot Guard Riders is to "attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family";

Whereas, Each mission has two basic objectives: to show sincere respect for the fallen heroes, their families, and their communities and to shield the mourning family and friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors;

Whereas, The first group was established in August 2005, when the members of the American Legion Riders Chapter 136 from Kansas heard of a serviceman's funeral being disrupted by protestors;

Whereas, The mission of the Patriot Guard Riders spread around the country and was adopted by other motorcycle groups and organizations;

Whereas, The membership has grown to include many riders from associations like the VFW, American Legion, Rolling Thunder, ABATE, Combat Vets Motorcycle



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Association, Intruder Alert, and the Leathernecks Motorcycle Club:

Whereas, The Patriot Guard Riders developed a web site to dispense information about the growing organization, and the site has received hits from around the country and several foreign nations; and

Whereas, The Patriot Guard Riders are much more than a group of motorcycle riders. They are a group of patriots who display an undying respect for those who risked their lives for America's freedom and security: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges the efforts of the Patriot Guard Riders to ensure the dignity and privacy of a fallen service man's or woman's funeral and thanks the members for their efforts on behalf of our fallen heroes.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Patriot Guard Riders.

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